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EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE TO TALENTED SCIENCE STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to give employment guarantee to the talented science students;

(b) if so, the details of the said scheme;

(c) whether the students in India are running away from science education and their parents are inclined to get them admitted in the information technology;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The scheme being formulated by the Government to promote science education?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Government is in the process of examining a scheme on Assured career opportunities for talented science students.

(c), (d) & (e) There seems to be a declining interest among students to take up science education. However, to attract exceptionally talented students to science, the Department of Science & Technology has taken the following major initiatives:

(i) Organisation of a National Children`s Science Congress all over the country once a year.

(ii) Launching of an integrated Science Olympiad programme in thecountry to ensure participation of nationally selected bright science students in the international Science Olympiads in the subjects ofmathematics, physics, chemistry and biology. Indian students have shown outstanding performance in these events. India is also hosting the international Chemistry Olympiad during 2001 at Mumbai.

(iii) Launching of the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana - a national programme of fellowship to attract talented students to science as a career.